

West Coast  
Legislative Briefing  
Mon & Tue, 13-14 May 2002  
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*National Association of  
Area Agencies on Aging*



WEST COAST LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING

FROM: n4a Legislative Briefing,  
c/o 618 Second Avenue, #1020  
Seattle, WA 98104,  
Attention Peggy O'Brien-Murphy

TO:

6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BRIEFING

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Presented by:  
National Association of Area Agencies on Aging/  
Center for Aging Policy  
In association with:  
Washington Association of Area Agencies on  
Aging

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Westin Hotel  
1900 Fifth Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98101

Transportation:  
Seattle Tacoma Airport (also known as SeaTac) is approximately 40 minutes from downtown. A variety of car rental agencies are available at the airport. For Airport Express, call GrayLine Bus (206)626-6088 or 1-800-544-0739, or [www.graylineofseattle.com](http://www.graylineofseattle.com) (follow links to airport express). Busses depart every 30 minutes for downtown & the Westin Hotel. Located in lower-level baggage claim area, one-way fare is \$8.50 and round trip fare is \$14. Limos can also be hired at baggage claim area. \$30 - 4 people and \$5 per extra person (limit 6).  
*Note: All City Busses are “ride-free” in the downtown area.*

AROUNDTOWN...  
Pioneer Square:  
The original beginnings of old Seattle is just south of downtown in Pioneer Square. The Underground Tour mixes history with fun for the true flavor of Seattle's colorful and humorous past.

International District:  
The International District offers a variety of family-run stores, bakeries, “dim-sum” and delicious Asian restaurants. The Wing-Luke Asian Museum has a wonderful exhibit on Asian-American history.

Pike Place Market:  
A visit to Seattle is incomplete without going to the Pike Place Market – the oldest open-air market in the country. A kaleidoscope of sights and smells and sounds awaken the senses. Fish mongers, bakers, farmers and artisans and street performers all display their unique treasures and skills. A great place for finding that special gift.

## Conference Agenda

The theme for this year’s conference:

“Aging Policy in Politics  
– A National Guide”

Topics will include:

- ✓ Health Care/Medicaid
  - ✓ Federal and State Budget issues
  - ✓ Insights from policy experts and seasoned pollsters on public opinion
- Target Audience -
- Aging Network Leaders & Advocates
  - AAA Representatives
  - Title VI Native American Representatives
  - Aging Service Providers



### Monday, May 13, 2002

AAA and Title VI Directors and key staff are invited to an informal and interactive regional briefing session to be held at:

Administrative on Aging Offices  
2201 6th Avenue  
Room# 204  
(206) 615-2298  
(Between Blanchard & Bell Streets  
Three blocks north of the Westin on 6th)

Agenda:

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| 1:30pm — 3:00pm | West Coast Roundtable<br><i>Informal discussion among West Coast AAAs and Title VI Directors on the state of the state concerning aging programs and policy, including state budget issues and the impact on aging services.</i> |
| 3:00pm — 4:00pm | Conversation with new n4a Director, Sandy Markwood<br><i>-n4a goals and directions</i>   |

### Tuesday, May 14, 2002

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| 8:00am — 9:00am   | Registration   |
| 9:15am — 10:15am  | Polling, Public Opinion and the Mid-Term elections. <i>David Mermin, Senior Analyst, West Coast Office of Lake, *Snell Perry &amp; Associates</i>                            |
| 10:15am — 10:30am | <i>Break</i>   |
| 10:30am — 11:15am | Party Politics & Aging Agendas<br><i>*Paul Berendt, Chair, Washington State Democrats</i><br><i>*Chris Vance, Chairman, Washington State Republican Party</i>                |
| 11:15am — 12:00pm | Federal & State Budget Issues<br><i>*Donna Folkmer, Program Director, National Conference of State Legislatures</i><br><i>Shawn McDermott, n4a Director of Public Policy</i> |
| 12:00pm — 1:30pm  | <i>Luncheon</i>  |
| 1:30pm — 2:00pm   | AoA's Aging Policy Perspective<br><i>*John Wren, Director, Center for Planning and Policy Development, Administration on Aging, Washington, DC</i>                           |

#### Critical Issues in Health Care

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| 2:15pm — 3:00pm | The Ins and Outs of the Prescription Drug Benefit Debate<br><i>Robert Hayes, President, Medicare Rights Center, New York, New York</i> |
| 3:00pm — 3:15pm | <i>Break</i>   |

#### Critical Issues in Health Care (Con't)

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| 3:15pm — 4:30pm | The Current and Changing Policy on Home and Community Based Services:<br><i>*Mary Jean Duckett, Director, Division of Benefits Coverage and Payment for the Disabled and Elderly Program Group, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services</i><br><br><i>*Arlene B. Mayerson, Directing Attorney, Disability Rights and Education Defense Fund, San Francisco, California</i> |
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\*Invited

Waterfront:  
One of the busiest ports of call, the Waterfront teems with warehouses turned import shops, the IMAX Dome Theater, the Seattle Aquarium, the freshest seafood imaginable and some of the most beautiful sunsets ever – especially with a backdrop of the Olympic Mountains.

Shopping:  
A block from the Westin is the city’s retail core. The Westlake Mall is full of shops and restaurants. Nordstrom’s flagship store is across the street from Westlake.

Theaters:  
Opera, Symphony, Pacific Northwest Ballet. With the exception of New York, Seattle employs more actors per capita in the United States

Et cetera...  
Museums, galleries and theaters abound, while wineries and breweries dot the surrounding area. The Woodland Park Zoo in a 92-acre garden renown for its award winning habitats for over 300 animal species. The Seattle Center is home to the Space Needle and the exciting Pacific Science Center.

Spectacular side trips can include Mt St Helen’s, Mt Rainier, ferry trips to the San Juan Islands or to Tillicum Village for salmon dinners and Native American dances. Seattle is also homebase to Eddie Bauer, REI, Starbucks, Tully’s, Microsoft, Mariners, Sonics, Seahawks, and of course, the University of Washington.

Visit Canada:  
Victoria and Vancouver, British Columbia are easy day trips



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The Seattle Westin  
1900 - 5th Ave  
Seattle, WA 98101

206.728.1000 office  
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### Conference Registration Form

First and Last Name (Please print)	Title and Organization	
Address	Phone	Fax
City - State - Zip	e-mail	

I have a disability which may require special accommodations in order for me to fully participate.  
Please provide:

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Make your hotel reservations by 5pm, May 1, 2002, directly with the Westin Hotel by calling 1-888-627-8513. Tell the operator you are attending the n4a conference to receive the special n4a rate of \$135 + tax per night, single or double. (Note; "No Shows" are required to pay hotel room fee for one night.)

### Conference Registration Fees:

- ☐ \*n4a Member \$125 - Includes Legislative Briefing Book & Congressional Directory
- ☐ Non-Member \$150 - Includes Legislative Briefing Book & Congressional Directory
- ☐ n4a Members \$90 - Congressional Directory only
- ☐ Attendant for Persons with disabilities \$30 - food only (see special registration form on reverse)

Payment Method: ☐ Check enclosed (Please make checks payable to: **n4a West Coast Briefing**)

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date (mo/yr) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration Payment must be received by April 30, 2002

Lunch is included with paid registration. Please choose one of the following meals:

- ☐ Focaccia Crusted Pacific Red Snapper with potatoes
- ☐ Walnut Gorgonzola Ravioli with Alfredo Sauce.

\*Please indicate any dietary restrictions or special needs

Please send or fax your registration form with your payment to:

n4a West Coast Briefing, 618 Second Avenue, #1020, Seattle, WA 98104, Attention Peggy O'Brien-Murphy  
(FAX 206-684-0689) \* If your Agency belongs to n4a, all registrations are at member rates.

Questions: Call Peggy at 206-684-0490 or by e-mail at [peggy.obrien-murphy@ci.seattle.wa.us](mailto:peggy.obrien-murphy@ci.seattle.wa.us)

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Registration Form — Attendant for Persons with Disabilities

First and Last Name (Please print)	Name of person you're accompanying
Agency responsible for payment	Phone for person being accompanied
Agency Address - City - State - Zip	Agency Phone

Cost of Meal for attendants will be \$30.00

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